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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of: )  
RYUICHI EBINUMA, ET AL. ) Examiner: UNASSIGNED  
Application No.: 09/817,018 ) Group Art Unit: 2812  
Filed: March 27, 2001 )  
For: SUPPORTING STRUCTURE OF ) June 21, 2001  
OPTICAL ELEMENT, EXPOSURE :  
APPARATUS HAVING THE )  
SAME, AND MANUFACTURING :  
METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR )  
DEVICE` :  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

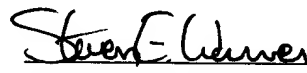
Japanese patent document No. 2000-66075 has been discussed on page 4 of the subject specification.



Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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